(b) whether Government has so far examined their demands and also taken into consideration recommendations made by the Pay Commission set up in respect of such Public Sector Undertakings; and

(c) if so, whether Government has started any negotiations with employee's organizations in this regard who are demanding long term settlement for five years before diwali this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA): (a) and (b) Guidelines for 7th Round of Wage negotiations, which fall due on general basis from 01.01.2007, in respect of unionised workmen of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) were issued*vide* DPE OMs No. 2(7)-06-DPE (WC) dated 09.11.2006 and 01.05.2008. Government after careful consideration of the report of the 2nd Pay Revision Committee, has issued guidelines on 26.11.2008 for pay revision of executives and non-unionized supervisors of CPSEs ***w.e.f.*** 01.01.2007. These guidelines are applicable to all CPSEs including Oil Sector CPSEs.

(c) Boards of respective CPSEs are empowered to revise the pay of workmen based on negotiations with the unions. Boards have also been empowered to revise pay of non-unionized supervisors.

Surplus fund of PSEs

2418. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) have to compulsorily deposit 60 per cent of their cash surplus in Public Sector Banks;

(b) if so, whether all the PSEs have followed the instruction; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA): (a) to (c) Boards of concerned CPSEs take a decision for deployment of surplus funds as per guidelines issued by the Government from time to time. In April, 2008, instructions were issued to CPSEs advising them, *inter-alia*, that at least to the extent of 60% of available surplus funds should be placed with Public Sector Banks (PSBs). These instructions were reiterated in August, 2008 and in October, 2008.

Appointment of independent directors in PSUs

2419. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received suggestion to review the policies about appointment of independent directors in Public Sector Units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA): (a) to (c) In March, 2004, the Government had laid down the criteria in respect of age, educational qualification and experience for persons to be considered for appointment as non-official Directors on the Boards of Central Public Sector Enterprises. The eligibility criteria was further amended by the Government in November, 2005 to include 'persons of eminence with proven track record from Industry, Business of Agriculture'.

Revival of sick industries

2420. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Heavy Industries and Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) that have fallen sick during the UPA Government's rule;

(b) the number of sick PSEs under this category which have been revived and rehabilitated;

(c) the reasons for slow pace of revival and rehabilitation; and

(d) whether there may be a time frame to complete the process and bring it to revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA): (a) In so far as the Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under the Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) are concerned, the following PSEs fell sick during the UPA Government rule:-

(i) Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Limited (BHPV)

(ii) HMT Bearings Ltd.

(iii) HMT Machine Tools Ltd.

(iv) HMT Watches Ltd. and

(v) HMT Chinar Watches Ltd.

(b) Out of the above 5 PSEs revival plans have been sanctioned in respect of 3 PSEs namely BHPV, HMT Bearings Ltd. and HMT Machine Tools Ltd.

(c) and (d) The process of revival and rehabilitation of company is a long drawn one involving various agencies like Operating Agency, Consultants, banks, PSEs, Labour Unions, Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE), Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) etc. Government takes a decision after receiving final recommendations from all these agencies. Considering the number of agencies involved it is difficult to indicate any definite time frame in the process of revival.

Tata Motor's Singur plant

2421. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: